



Men's' sheds are established for different reasons but they are essentially designed to allow men, to come together for friendship, support, community service and the sharing of life experiences and work skills.

Our shed endorses those aims and welcomes members from all parts of the community without discrimination or preference, restricted only by the limitations of our resources and the need to ensure the safety of all members.

We value contributions from all members in matters of safety, projects, work skills and ways of enhancing the membership experience.

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# Rosebud and Districts Men's Shed

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## 1. Introduction to Membership

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Rosebud and District Men's Shed (R&DMS) An application form for membership is included with this documentation and/or is available from the R&DMS Secretary.

## 2. Mission, Vision and Values

**Mission:** To sustain and improve members health through social interaction and skill sharing while undertaking worthwhile projects to the benefit of members and the community.

**Vision:** To provide a multipurpose facility that provides both recreational and purposeful activities to men in the local community.

**Value:** Involving others.

## 3. Administration Arrangements

R&DMS is managed by a committee of members in co-operation with the board of Seawinds Community Hub. R&DMS is a member of the Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA) and the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA). Both Associations hold regular meetings and encourage sheds to support each other.

## 4. Address and Functions of the Rosebud and Districts Men's Shed

The R&DMS operates at 11A Allambi Avenue, Capel Sound, within the Seawinds Community Hub and in co-operation with the Board of Seawinds Community Hub. Due to its location the R&DMS will have access to all Seawinds Community services. The R&DMS Committee will work closely with Seawinds management and board to ensure the smooth and mutually beneficial operation of the R&DMS.

The Shed provides equipment and facilities for use by members interested in physical activities which will vary from time to time in accordance with members' current interests and collective skills. And provides for less physical pursuits which can include but are not limited to, club meetings, training sessions, technology, computing, photography, reading, hobbies, general socialising and anything that is mentally stimulating and/or relaxing.

## 5. Operating Hours

A club meeting of members is held each Wednesday and Friday at 11A Allambi Avenue, Capel Sound between 10:00 am and \*3:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to advise members about R&DMS news, activities and events and to give members an opportunity to express their ideas and needs and to inform fellow members about their skills, knowledge and life experience and to get involved in group activities and projects.

*\* the closing time is at the discretion on the coordinator and may vary depending on activities and the number of men attending.*

## 6. Signing in and Access

An attendance register is provided, all attendees at the regular meeting must sign in and out when entering or leaving the building.

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## 7. Actives

The Men's Shed is divided into two separate activity areas: -

- The Social Space: This is a quieter area where more passive actives can take place. Members will be able to meet and chat.
- Work Space: This will cater for a range of activities which will vary from time to time in accordance with members' current interests and collective skills.

All members are encouraged to use the various skills they have gained during their working lives and to share those skills and learn new skills from other R&DMS members by working together on various projects.

## 8. Approval of Membership Applications

An applicant who has decided to seek membership of the R&DMS should complete a membership application form and submit it to the R&DMS Secretary, ideally at the Wednesday meeting.

- a) The general requirements for committee consideration of an application is that an applicant will have attended four R&DMS club meetings and at least one R&DMS project (refer item 11). However, the ability of the applicant to meet these requirements will be taken into consideration by the committee when considering the application.
- b) If the application is approved by the R&DMS Committee, the applicant will be advised in writing and will need to pay their relevant R&DMS fees as per item 9 to complete their membership application.
- c) During the period leading up to consideration of the application, the applicant is welcome to attend any or all activities of the Shed.
- d) A membership application that has not been completed and returned to the R&DMS Secretary within 3 months of the applicant's first visit to the Shed, will be regarded as null and void and a new application will have to be completed if the Applicant later wishes to still join the Shed.

## 9. Fees and Finances

The R&DMS Committee maintains a sound financial situation separate from the approved R&DMS membership subscriptions, which are primarily set to maintain the essential basic operations of the R&DMS, including full insurance cover, equipment safety, site maintenance, utility costs and regular consumables.

- a) The Annual Subscription Fee is set at each Annual General Meeting in July. The annual payment is due for current members by 1<sup>st</sup> January of each financial year.
- b) The current annual Subscription Fee is \$50.00. The Fee consists of a \$50 membership component and a \$0 \*Consumables component.
- c) For new members the annual subscription fee will be calculated on a pro-rata basis, determined by the month that membership is approved. The relevant annual subscription fee is due for payment as soon as the application has been formally advised as approved.
- d) Additionally, a new or replacement R&DMS Members Badge is required at a cost of \$10.00 per badge.

*\* The consumable component is subject to review from time to time and the cost will be determined by activities that are undertaken by the shed members.*

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## 10. R&DMS Projects

In addition to income from membership fees, the following are examples of other primary sources of income for the R&DMS. Applicants must attend at least once in projects such as these examples to qualify for membership approval

- a) **Rosebud and District Men's Shed Promotion and Fund Raising** – It is intended that the R&DMS will hold regular activities to promote the Men's Shed and raise funds. These would include attending sausage sizzles, Attending Community Markets, Attending Community Events etc.
- b) **Community Projects** – Various projects to support community groups and individuals via liaison with the Seawinds Community Hub Board and the Mornington Peninsula Shire and other neighbouring Men's Sheds.
- c) **Shed Projects** – Internal R&DMS projects which will comprise a range of activities which will vary from time to time in accordance with members' current interests and collective skills.

While no members can be compelled to take part in these activities, it is generally expected that all members would support the ongoing financial viability of the R&DMS by participating to the best of their abilities in such fund-raising projects and community support projects without which the Shed would not exist.

## 11. Applicants with Medical Issues

R&DMS does not purport to be an organisation which is equipped to care for the requirements of applicants who have particular medical issues that might require attention while the person is at the Shed. The Seawinds Community Hub has access to personnel trained in first aid and it has first aid equipment, but this is the extent to which any member can be expected to render medical assistance. Applicants must bear this in mind when considering whether to join the Shed. An applicant's needs in this respect will be taken into account by the Committee when assessing applicants. Applicants with limited physical or mental disabilities will require a personal carer to support them while they attend the Shed or any external R&DMS organised event or activity.

## 12. Welcome

We look forward to you joining our Shed.

**If you need further information please either:**

**Email the Secretary:** [rosebuddistrictsmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:rosebuddistrictsmensshed@gmail.com)

Or

**Contact a Committee Member:**

*Ideally, at our Wednesday meeting or optionally phone if urgent.*

- **Chairperson - Jack Carter ph.0413 756 308**
- **Secretary - Ray Atkinson ph. 0473 068 760**